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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sarbanes:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2016, regarding language in the Clean Air Act rulemaking (the "Phase 2 HD GHG Proposal") and its potential effect on competition motorsports. I appreciate your interest in this matter, and welcome the opportunity to set the record straight.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is committed to protecting public health by ensuring that cars driven on public roads meet pollution standards under the Clean Air Act. Congress required these standards for good reason: emissions from motor vehicles have been linked to premature death in people with heart or lung disease, aggravated asthma, decreased lung function, and increased respiratory problems.

I'd also like to make it clear that the EPA supports motorsports and its contributions to the American economy and communities all across the country. EPA's focus is not on vehicles built or used exclusively for racing, but on companies that don't play by the rules and that make and sell products that disable pollution controls on motor vehicles used on public roads. These unlawful defeat devices pump dangerous and illegal pollution into the air we breathe.

The proposed language in the Clean Air Act rulemaking was never intended to represent any change in the law or in EPA's policies or practices towards dedicated competition vehicles. Since our attempt to clarify led to confusion, the EPA has decided to eliminate the proposed language from the final rule.

We will continue to engage with the racing industry and others about ways to ensure that we support racing and also keep our focus where it has always been: reducing pollution from the cars and trucks that travel along America's roadways and through our neighborhoods.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Patricia Haman in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at haman.patricia@epa.gov or at (202) 564-2806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Janet G. McCabe", is positioned above the typed name.

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator